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Eisenhower Leads Rite to Lay Cornerstone for CIA Building

EXPANSIVE CIA CHIEF—Allan Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, gestures happily toward Defense Secretary Neil McElroy during yesterday's laying of the cornerstone for the new $46 million CIA headquarters at Langley. President Eisenhower, who has just finished placing some mortar, looks toward the stone as workman Buford Stooksbury and UPI correspondent Warren Duffy look on.

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LANGLEY — President Eisenhower laid the corner stone for the Central Intelligence Agency's new $46 million headquarters Tuesday, dedicating it to "serve the cause of America and peace."

In a brief prepared speech, the President told an overflow crowd of dignitaries, guests, agents, and newsmen that the hush-hush agency's reputation "for quality and excellence is a proud one."

The President said peace "is America's fundamental aspiration. . .to this end we seek to develop policies and arrangements to make the peace both permanent and just."

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"UPON THE quality of your work depends in large measure the success of our effort to further the nation's position in the international scene," the overcoat-clad President told the sun-warmed crowd.

CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, brother of the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles termed the cornerstone-laying an important stage in the agency's growth. "We will soon have a home of our own, in these inspiring surroundings high above the Potomac."

"Facts have no politics," the director said, noting that a republican Congress created the agency 11 years ago, a Democratic President sponsored it and "for the past crucial years it has had the unfailing support of a Republican President and a Democratic Congress."

CIA's task, the Director said, is to "assure ourselves, through accurate intelligence, that our attachments to policies are soundly based."

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THE GUIDING motto to be inscribed on the face of this building will be the words taken from the Gospel according to St. John: 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.'" Mr. Dulles said.

President Eisenhower, Mr. Dulles, Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy and the Senate chaplain The Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, took part in the cornerstone ceremony.

Workman Buford Stooksbury informed the President that it was of Georgia marble. "Good Old Georgia," the President replied, apparently remembering several golfing vacations there.

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THE EIGHT-STORY structure, with its adjoining 21 acres of parking space, is due to open in mid-1961 and will replace more than 30 buildings in downtown Washington now occupied by the CIA.

Following the cornerstone ceremony, the President turned to Mr. Dulles and observed "Well, I guess that's it." The President left aboard a later to fly to Gettysburg by helicopter to vote at his legal residence in a Pennsylvania election.

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EARLIER en route to the CIA ceremony, the President paused for a few moments at Spouts Run, on the George Washington Memorial Parkway and briskly snipped a red, white, and blue ribbon, officially opening the Parkway extension to CIA.

"Well, that doesn't look as formidable as a tank barrier," the President observed as he strode up to the ribbon barricaded road, clutching a pair of gold-plated scissors.

The six-mile stretch of parkway, overlooking the Potomac River and part of the Washington skyline, was the first National Park Service unit opened by Mr. Eisenhower since he became President in 1953, park officials said.

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TIME OUT FOR SPEECHES—More than a hundred workmen took a prolonged lunch hour yesterday to watch President Eisenhower and hundreds of other dignitaries dedicate the CIA headquarters. Workmen have already completed two stories of the eight-story structure, scheduled to open in the summer of 1961.

OVERFLOW CROWD—Hundreds of CIA agents shed their cloaks long enough yesterday to don overcoats and join an overflow crowd of almost three thousand for CIA headquarters dedication ceremonies beneath the warm autumn sun on the banks of the Potomac above Chain Bridge.

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